IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 5 and 9 to 12 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and please amend the remaining claims, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An ink jet recording apparatus for recording data by discharging ink from ink discharge ports of an ink jet recording head, said apparatus comprising:

a cap member movable between a first position for closely contacting a nozzle surface of said ink jet recording head and a second position apart from said nozzle surface;

a first driving source for generating a driving force to move said cap member between said first and second positions;

a suction source for sucking ink of said ink jet recording head through said cap member;

a second driving source for generating a driving force to drive said suction source; and

an engaging portion, engageable with and disengageable from the driving force of said second driving source, for transmitting the driving force of said second driving source to said suction source said cap member is at said first position and not transmitting the driving force of said second driving source to said suction source when said cap member is at said second position

a head recovering unit for performing an operation for recovering a discharge function of said ink jet recording head, said head recovering unit comprising a cap member for tightly closing said ink discharge ports;

a conveying mechanism for conveying the recording medium; and

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a connecting unit for transmitting a driving force of said conveying mechanism to said head recovering unit, said connecting unit switching between transmission and no transmission of the driving force to said head recovering unit in conjunction with a capping operation of said cap member.

2. (Currently amended) An [[The]] ink jet recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said second a first driving source supplies for supplying a driving force to a [[said]] conveying mechanism for conveying a recording medium is connected to said connecting unit.

3. (Currently Amended) An The ink jet recording apparatus according to claim 1 2, wherein said engaging portion connecting unit is a mechanical clutch mechanism which can be set selectively in a connected condition where the connecting unit is connected to said head recovering unit so as to transmit the driving force to said head recovering unit or in a non-connected condition where the connecting unit is not connected to said head recovering unit so as not to transmit the driving force to said head recovering unit.

4. (Currently Amended) An The ink jet recording apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said engaging portion includes connecting unit is a mechanical clutch mechanism comprising a sun gear coupled with said conveying mechanism, a planetary gear connected to the planet gear coupled with said sun gear, and a gear holding member for holding the which holds said sun gear and the planetary said planet gear and is engageable with a driving force of said first mechanism for driving source said cap member.

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5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently Amended) An ~~The~~ ink jet recording apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising ~~wherein said ink jet recording apparatus has a second driving source for supplying a driving force to the cap member of said head recovering unit and a third driving source for supplying a driving force to~~ a carriage for mounting said ink jet recording head, and a third driving source for generating a driving force to drive said carriage.

7. (Currently Amended) An ~~The~~ ink jet recording apparatus according to claim 1 ~~6~~, wherein said first ~~second~~ driving source drives a sheet supplying mechanism for supplying a ~~source supplies a driving force for feeding said~~ recording medium.

8. (Currently amended) An [[The]] ink jet recording apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said ink jet recording head discharges ink from the ink discharge ports utilizing heat energy generated by electrothermal converting elements.

9. to 12. (Canceled)